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COUNTY BUDGET MEETING IS HELD

Favors 10 Mill Road Tax and Abolishing Roadmaster's Office

From a standpoint of oratory and parliamentary law, the budget meeting Saturday was a howling success. Judge Hattan called the meeting to order and after a few remarks as to its purpose, etc., invited discussion. The discussion followed in large quantities and the walls of the room trembled with a bombardment of oratory. A motion was made and seconded that the road levy be fixed at 8 mills. Then Mode Griffith, of Tremholm, amended the motion to 10 mills. This motion was also seconded. Then Evenson of Clatskanie made some other amendment which brought O. Henry Olean to his feet with objections as to whether or not it was in order. A. L. Clark of Rainier was frequently in the limelight as to objections, suggestions, etc., and with many more suggestions from the students of Roberts Parliamentary practice, Judge Hattan had more of a task than the speaker of the house of representatives. He finally decided that the best way out of the tangle was to get a vote on the amendment, so he placed the motion before the assembly. The vote was: In favor of 10 mill tax, 58; opposed, 25.

W. J. Fullerton inquired into the necessity of spending so much for engineering and surveying, which brought Clark to his feet with a defense of the cost in setting aside such an amount.

A motion was made and carried that the office of roadmaster be abolished. The vote was 27 to 12 in favor of the motion.

Some fellow, getting tired, moved an adjournment when there were several other motions before the judge, and this brought Mode Griffith again to the front with quotations from Roberts rules. W. J. Fullerton stated that all the business had not been transacted and he thought those who wished to go might go and those who wished to stay be allowed to remain and finish up the business. It was thus decided. Hattan was in a conciliatory mood and stated that the people's wishes were his wishes; that a petition with many names on it was what he was going by in making appointments, and in this way the people would be responsible and not the county court.

Evenson made a motion that each road district be allowed to call a special meeting and recommend to the court on just what roads the money raised in the respective districts should be expended. This was seconded, but brought about a storm of argument. Harvey Brown, of Quincy, bitterly opposed this and O. Henry Olean was again heard. However, a vote was taken which was favorable to the motion.

Commissioner Judson Weed, being called on by Evenson, took the floor (and also the assembly) by stating that he wanted to abide by the wishes of the people, but inasmuch as the responsibility for his actions rested on his shoulders he was going to perform his duties as he saw them, and Harvey backed this up by saying "Me too."

It would take five pages of newspaper and require the services of ten stenographers to make a full report on the meeting, but the substance of the whole thing was that a 10 mill levy was voted, the highway severely criticized, many complaints of the poor roads in their districts, the abolishment of the roadmaster's office was advocated and the appropriation for a county agricultural agent was forgotten. The meeting adjourned about 5 o'clock with many of the talkers having a better appetite and the court left to do as they please. Their proceedings, which will be published next week will show how closely they observed the recommendations.

The Harley inaugural ball, held at the public dock in Astoria, proved to be a grand affair. More than five thousand people attended, and 1,000 couples participated in the grand march which was led by Mayor Harley and wife.

COLUMBIA CO. COW HAS WORLD'S RECORD

Produces an Average of 2 1/2 Lbs. of Butter Per Day for a Year.

Clifford F. Reid, of the Northwest Trust Company of Portland, has received formal notice that his Jersey cow, Goldie Nehalem Beauty, has established a world's record for the production of butter. The honor was bestowed by the American Jersey Cattle Club. For almost a year Beauty has been producing an average of 2 1/2 pounds of butter per day. Mr. Reid has his dairy farm near McMinnville.

While it will be of interest to all Oregon dairymen to know an Oregon cow holds the world's record, it will be particularly interesting to the dairymen of Columbia county to know that Goldie Nehalem Beauty is a product of Columbia county and was bred by Commissioner Harvey. Several years ago he sold the cow to Mr. Reid. He still has Beauty's mother, India's Goldie, and several days ago Mr. Reid phoned him asking for a price on the cow, and Mr. Harvey said \$500. The deal was not closed. Now Harvey says he would not take \$1,500 for the animal, on the strength of the record Nehalem Beauty has made. Harvey seemed as much elated as if he had made some world's record himself.

TAXPAYERS CONTRIBUTE TO FUND

Twenty-five counties of Oregon have contributed \$568,762.30 to the state highway fund, and only \$17,049.63 has been expended within those twenty-five counties.

Ten counties have been beneficiaries of this net contribution to the extent of \$409,130.36 over and above the \$136,535.33 collected from them in the state highway tax of 1/4 mill a year for three years. The total expended within these ten counties to November 20 of last year amounts to \$545,665.69.

The ten benefited counties are:

County	Expended	Taxed
Clatsop	\$120,520.91	\$17,250.60
Columbia	116,595.07	11,127.71
Crook	12,109.59	9,817.11
Douglas	40,889.20	21,392.95
Hood River	53,322.25	7,392.36
Jackson	117,299.22	23,425.42
Josephine	7,820.84	7,045.84
Polk	7,108.22	12,960.29
Sherman	45,705.33	6,317.25
Washington	24,295.06	19,802.87

Totals...\$545,665.69 \$136,535.33
—Oregon Voter.

STEAMER HOO HOO DAMAGED AND SUNK

The steamer Hoo Hoo was struck by some unknown boat Wednesday night and so badly damaged that she would have gone to the bottom of the river had not the mooring lines held her up. The boat was tied up to the floating boat shed just south of the mill, her stern projecting into the stream. At 7 o'clock Thursday morning Roy Bauserman, her owner, was notified that his boat was sunk, and hastening to the dock he found her badly smashed up and only her smoke stack and pilot house appearing above the surface of the water. It is Mr. Bauserman's opinion that the tow boat which brought the steamer Klamath up to the shipyard must have taken a slant and struck his little steamer. The Hoo Hoo is now beached on the lower end of Sauvie Island, and an examination will be made today to ascertain just how badly she is injured.

FEW NEW FACES AT COURTHOUSE

The county officers took up their duties January 1, that is, they went into office. The only changes are that Glen R. Metsker succeeds W. H. Cooper as district attorney, A. W. Mueller is now representative, and J. W. Hunt goes into office as county treasurer. Hunt has been acting as treasurer since Hattan took the office of county judge. Strictly speaking, no new faces will appear in the courthouse in an official capacity, as Mr. Metsker will continue to maintain his office in the bank building. The Mist wishes each and every official a successful administration of the affairs of their respective offices.

THE YEAR 1916 IN BRIEF REVIEW

Interesting Events Which Transpired in St. Helens and Vicinity During the Past Year

The year 1916 has passed into history and 1917 is now no longer an infant. The past year, while not witnessing perhaps such marked advancement as some that have preceded it, has been very good and is conspicuous for absence of disaster. St. Helens being a large manufacturing and industrial point and also adjacent to a good farming country, has probably shared better than any other town in Oregon. This is reflected by the increased deposits of the several banks in the county and the apparent prosperity of the hundreds of wage earners who are now securing steady employment at good wages. The increased activity at the shipyard, the market that has been created for the farmers by the establishment of the cannery, and the further fact that the farmer does not have to depend entirely on the products of the soil for his income on account of the local creamery being in a position to take his milk and cream, have all been factors in the development of the city. It is generally conceded that 1917 will be the best year yet, and with a little confidence in the future of the town and county it will be if all get together and pull together. Here's wishing each and every individual and every business venture a most prosperous New Year.

The following is a brief review of the most important incidents of the past year, as taken from the files of the Mist:

Jan. 14—St. Helens shipyard takes contract to construct three-masted auxiliary motor vessel for Captain Wrightson of Mobile, Ala.

Heavy fall of snow and much ice in river cause a cessation of traffic and shuts down mills and shipyard plants.

Taxpayers' league takes steps to invoke recall of county court.

Jan. 21—Recall petitions are circulated and charges filed against the county officers.

Glen Watkins dies.

Bank elects officers.

Feb. 4—Worst snow storm in history of St. Helens. Great damage to property and business is paralyzed. Telephone and electric light service put out of commission.

Feb. 18—St. Helens granted franchise in Inter-City Baseball league.

Judge Eakin announces candidacy for reelection as circuit judge.

Feb. 25—Political pot begins boiling and many candidates announce that they are willing to serve the public.

J. W. Patrick, well known citizen of Goble, answers last roll call.

St. Helens shipyard lays plans for construction of second auxiliary schooner.

March 2—A. W. Norblad, of Astoria, announces candidacy for circuit court judge.

Mrs. Farnsworth, respected citizen of St. Helens, passes away at Portland hospital.

March 10—Third local teachers' institute is held in high school building.

March 17—Mass meeting of citizens nominates following city ticket: Mayor, S. C. Morton; councilmen, T. S. White and Washington Muckle; treasurer, H. P. Watkins; water commissioner, L. J. Van Orshoven.

Pythian lodge celebrates and has big entertainment.

March 24—Officers for Columbia county fair selected.

Contract let for building sewer in District 1, Section B.

March 31—Marshal J. L. Chittum resigns.

City of St. Helens is sued for \$10,000 by Mrs. Emma H. Tompkins.

Schedule arranged by Inter-City baseball league.

American express office is opened and Frank Wilkins appointed agent.

April 7—City election results in the election of the following officers: Mayor S. C. Morton; Councilmen T. S. White and Washington Muckle; Treasurer H. P. Watkins; Water Commissioner L. J. Van Orshoven.

The charter amendment was carried and the proposition to purchase a fire truck received an adverse vote.

J. L. Zipperer announces candidacy for legislature.

E. I. Ballagh appointed manager of St. Helens baseball team and his team wins first game of the season.

April 14—New city officers take oath of office.

Ten new citizens granted final papers in circuit court.

April 21—City of Portland, largest wooden vessel ever built in Oregon, successfully launched.

New town established in Nehalem country.

H. J. Southard resigns from council and is appointed marshal.

J. W. Allen appointed as councilman.

April 28—Charles Muckle, pioneer citizen, dies.

All churches have Easter services.

Deputy fish warden makes big haul and confiscates tons of fish caught out of season.

May 5—Recall candidates nominated, R. S. Hattan for judge and Norman Merrill and Henry Ruddiman for commissioners.

School board reemploys L. L. Baker as superintendent.

Rainier Review sued for \$15,000 damages by Glen R. Metsker.

May 12—St. Helens Co-operative Creamery Association makes record on daily output—600 pounds. Has monthly payroll of \$2,000.

Ballots are printed for primary election on May 19.

Track meet held at Rainier; some St. Helens boys are winners.

May 19—Mill employees get raise in wages.

A. S. Harrison marries Mrs. Emma Smith.

Big week in shipping.

Scapoose school closes with fine program.

May 26—Graduating exercises at St. Helens high school.

Primary election results in nomination of J. A. Eakin for circuit judge; Mueller for representative; Metsker for district attorney; Stanwood for sheriff; Barnett for county clerk; Blakesley for assessor; Allen for school superintendent; Van Orshoven for surveyor; T. S. White for coroner. J. W. McDonald received the democratic nomination for county clerk and W. J. Zillman for commissioner.

Loyal Order of Moose founded in St. Helens.

June 2—Shipping concern of Brookings orders motor schooner from St. Helens shipyard.

James Hunt appointed county treasurer, succeeding R. S. Hattan, who took office of county judge.

Longshoremen go on strike.

June 9—Railroad people change depot name from Houlton to St. Helens.

Zipperer sells telephone system to Pacific States people.

June 16—Muckle Hardware Company sells out.

Steamer Bear is wrecked.

July 7—Fourth of July joyously celebrated.

County court decides to hard surface portion of road near Scapoose.

River reaches high water stage and covers city docks.

July 14—City of Portland begins taking cargo.

Chautauqua held at Rainier.

July 21—County expends more than \$29,000 on roads and general expenses during June.

High water in river causes poor salmon catch.

July 28—St. Helens drops out of Inter-City baseball league.

Carl Nygren, mate of City of Portland, drowned in Willamette slough.

Aug. 4—City of Portland leaves for Australia.

Horrible explosion near Tide creek. Six lives lost.

Aug. 11—Motor schooner June successfully launched.

Captain Rorvik, master of steamer Klamath, receives fatal injuries and dies in Portland hospital.

Aug. 25—John Philp secures big contract for blocks.

Big Japanese steamer takes on lumber cargo.

NEWS OF ST. HELENS THIRTY-SIX YEARS AGO

Taken from Vol. 1, No. 1, of the Columbian, Published Aug. 13, 1880.

Through the kindness of Charles Blakesley, the Mist is in possession of the initial copy of The Columbian, the first paper published in St. Helens. It made its bow to the public August 13, 1880, and was established and edited by E. G. Adams. The Columbian, so we are told, was published only a few months before the Mist made its appearance on the field of journalism and later the two papers were combined under the name of the Oregon Mist.

Below we give a few of the interesting items which appeared in this newspaper, and from week to week will give more. In the local news we find the following:

"Mr. James Dart caught his left hand in the belting of Muckle's mill this morning and severely injured it. He is carrying it around on a splint. John T. McNulty is also carrying his left hand on a splint. He fell off a chopping board while cutting a tall fir tree. He injured his back more than his hand. Such accidents are bad at any time, but more so in such hot weather."

"Ex-Governor Daniels arrived in St. Helens last evening."

"George Kelly informs us that Captain Pope's hay crop at Ashland farm is much finer this year than last."

"Jacob George, S. A. Miles, Captain Lemont, Richard Cox, the Muckle Bros., W. B. Morse and Wm. Meeker all raised fine gardens in town this year. George Hancock and James Dart lost theirs by the overflow."

"John Gum has built a new hay shed on his ranch near Columbia City. In Columbia City Mr. Hezekiah Caples has now in progress a large barn, and Mr. Stephen Butts has nearly completed a fine two-story residence at the corner of First and K streets."

"The saloon of Enoch Shintaffer is being completed in artistic style. The sidewalk will be continued along River street towards the courthouse. Enoch knows how to cater to the public."

Among some of the advertisements we find the following:

GEO. W. McBRIDE, Dealer in General Merchandise, St. Helens, Oregon.

A new and complete stock of Goods now in store. Prices reasonable. Terms—Cash.

J. H. DECKER, Barber and Shoemaker.

Hides, Hogs, Chickens and Produce of all kinds Bought and Sold on Commission.

Cor. River and Cowlitz Sts., Taylor's Hotel Building.

Strict Attention Paid to Business.

A. H. BLAKESLEY, St. Helens House

Bar Supplied with the Best of Wines, Liquors and Cigars. Livery Stable Attached.

River Street in front of Strand, St. Helens, Or.

STEAMER KLAMATH ARRIVES AT ST. HELENS

The steamer Klamath, Captain Cullen, which was in distress about ten miles west of Cape Arago Monday night while enroute from San Francisco to St. Helens, arrived in Astoria Wednesday morning in tow of the steamer Cello. The latter vessel heard the wireless calls of the Klamath and hastened to her aid. It was at first thought that the propeller had been lost, but upon arrival at Astoria a diver made an examination and found the propeller shaft broken. The Klamath was towed to St. Helens and is now at the shipyard undergoing minor repairs. Later she will be placed on the dry dock at Portland and another shaft fitted. When repairs are completed she will tow the Wahkema to San Francisco. Captain Cullen of the Klamath left Thursday morning for Portland and stated to a Mist reporter that as soon as he returned he would furnish a full account of all that transpired while the vessel was helpless and rolling in the heavy seas.

LOCAL MERCHANT DIES SUDDENLY

Had Been Ill Only a Short Time—Came Here Nine Years Ago.

F. J. Baseel, who for the past several years has been conducting a general merchandise store in West St. Helens, died suddenly Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock. Mr. Baseel had been suffering with a severe attack of the grip for about a week and apparently was getting well. His wife, who had been attending him for several days and nights, left the room at about 2 o'clock, and when she returned in an hour she found her husband dead.

Mr. Baseel came to St. Helens from Brookfield, Wash., about nine years ago and established the mercantile business which he conducted up to the time of his death. He leaves a wife and eight children.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon and the interment was in the cemetery at Scappoose.

PYTHIAN KNIGHTS ELECT OFFICERS

At its last regular meeting, Avon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, elected the following officers:

C. C.—E. C. Laws.

V. C.—A. J. Peel.

Prelate—E. Blakesley.

M. of A.—R. Bauserman.

I. G.—Charles Brown.

K. of R. & S.—Reese Hall.

O. G.—E. A. Rotger.

Trustee—Jacob George.

Next Tuesday night the newly elected officers will be installed and the third degree administered to a candidate. It is planned to have a lodge social after the affair and it is hinted that the men who made clam chowder famous will be the chefs in charge of the affair.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL REOPEN JANUARY 8TH

Monday, January 8, the public schools of St. Helens will reopen, after a two weeks holiday. The attendance at the time of closing (both schools) was 545, and in all probability there will be many new faces when the second term opens on January 22. There are now 89 scholars enrolled in the high school, and before the end of the second term the number will doubtless be increased to 100.

The school board, at a recent meeting, decided to fix up a room in the basement of the school to accommodate the overflow from the seventh grade, in preference to using the room in the city hall now occupied by the public library. It is understood that Mrs. J. B. Wilkerson has been employed as an additional teacher and that she will have charge of part of the sixth and seventh grades.

POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS SHOW BIG INCREASE

The receipts of the St. Helens postoffice show a marked increase for the year 1916 as compared with 1915. In the latter year the receipts were \$4,325.56, and in 1916 were \$5,110.26, an increase of \$784.70. The total receipts for the quarter ending December 31, 1915, were \$1,251.66, and for the same period in 1916 were \$1,450.75, a gain of \$199.09. The postoffice receipts are usually considered a good barometer of business in the community, and the gain shown for the year shows that St. Helens has made substantial progress.

MODERN WOODMEN INSTALL AND BANQUET

Wednesday evening St. Helens Camp 10999, Modern Woodmen of America, installed its officers and gave a banquet to the members of camp and their families and friends. A short program was given, consisting of a recitation by Lucille Lyburner; song, by Ruth Levi; "When Pa Begins to Shave," Macter McCallum; piano solo, Miss Russell. After the bountiful banquet the festivities were adjourned to the lodge room, where cards and other amusements were enjoyed.

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